

STATEWIDE TRANSIT STRATEGIC PLAN



Overview

The California Department of Transportation (Department) Division of Mass Transportation's (DMT) primary responsibility is the oversight and administration of State and federal grant programs that provide funding for operating assistance and capital improvement projects. DMT encourages the development of mass transportation throughout the state, partnering with transit stakeholders, to help find solutions for an efficient transit system.

The Department, in partnership and collaboration with CalACT and the California Transit Association, is developing the Statewide Transit Strategic Plan (STSP). The STSP will assist the Department and its stakeholders in reaching consensus on a common mission and defining achievable goals, and in the process gain a better understanding of present and future roles and responsibilities to support public transportation – the collective vision for California's future transportation system.

Background

The Department is in coordination with the University of California Transportation Center at UCLA to develop the STSP. This plan will be developed over the following phases:

Baseline Conditions Report: Includes the compilation of data and information on existing transit plans, the identification and evaluation of existing and future transit services, a review of funding sources for transit investments and operations, historical statistics on transit performances levels, and a profile of existing transit services and operations.

Stakeholder engagement, forging a vision, and key inputs to a Strategic Issues Document and Action Report: Twenty-four targeted interviews with representatives from transit agencies, elected officials, and stakeholders across the state have been conducted to identify issues.

Preparation of a draft document and final report, including an Executive Summary and Strategic Issues Document: This document will highlight a sustainable transportation system that supports the outcomes of the California Interregional Blueprint and the California Transportation Plan.

Preparation of a Report on Cost-Effective Improvements to Transit: This report will include existing research-based literature to identify cost-effective improvements to transit, and propose some options, their potential negative and positive consequences, and a matrix of findings for a final report.

Purpose of the Statewide Transit Strategic Plan:

The STSP will assist the Department and stakeholders in recognizing transit as part of the larger transportation system. The overall goal is to facilitate the delivery of cost-effective public transit services that will promote multiple objectives including improved mobility, meeting global warming initiatives outlined in AB 32 and SB 375, job access, and environmental improvements. The STSP is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2012.

The work of the STSP efforts will lead to the development of a strategic issues document and action report that will assist other state efforts such as the California Interregional Blueprint and the California Transportation Plan.

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